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Conyers Calls for Limits on Presidential Pardons;

Cites Need to Ensure Pardons do Not Thwart Investigations of Administration Misconduct

Congressman John Conyers, Jr. today introduced the "Integrity and Accountability in Administration Pardons Act of 2006" legislation to require notice of administration pardons.

"Today, along with eleven House colleagues, I am introducing legislation to require that the President notify Congress upon the pardon of any Administration official. Public accountability and open democracy demand that the President not hide the sins of his Administration through pardons issued in the dark of night.

"This legislation is important because the President has refused to respond to my July 25, 2005 letter asking for his pledge not to pardon any Administration official who was implicated in the leak of CIA officer Valerie Plame Wilson's identity. Justice Department Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald already has obtained indictments against I. Lewis Libby, Vice President Cheney's former Chief of Staff, for obstructing the government's investigation into the source of the leak."

Original cosponsors include: Rep. Robert Wexler (D-FL), Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA), Rep. Donna M. Christensen (D-VI), Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD), Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL), Rep. Corrine Brown (D-FL), Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA), Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), and Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR).

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